

Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting for Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council

Held 5th September 2023, 8:00pm at the Loyd-Lindsay Rooms

Attendees	
Hugh Roberts (HR)	Chairman
Derek Morrow (DM)	Councillor
Jo Noble (JN)	Councillor
Nicky Hancock (NH)	Councillor
John Hedgecock (JH)	Councillor
Sarah James (SJ)	District Councillor
Jane Humphreys (JAH)	Parish Clerk
Ardington & Lockinge Residents	40

1..	Apologies Ron East. HR noted that Ron has recently been in hospital and all passed on their best wishes to him and his wife.	Actions
2.	Requests for Dispensations, Declarations of Interest, gifts and hospitality None	
3.	<p>Responses received regarding proposed housing development in Ardington Public participation</p> <p>A statement provided by the Lockinge Estate was read out at the meeting (a copy of which is available on the Parish Council's website). The date of the Lockinge Estate Consultation (Open Exhibition) for the proposed development was confirmed as Saturday 7th of October at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms between 11am and 3pm. The Council reported that 71 objections to the proposed development and one in favour had already been received, based on the presentation by the Estate at the Parish Council Meeting on 11 July. The options for reporting these responses to the Lockinge Estate were discussed. The Council agreed that the responses would be kept strictly confidential and only the numbers for and against would be sent to the Lockinge Estate at this stage. A breakdown of the location of responses by village would also be provided as well as a list of the top 5 reasons for objecting to the proposed development. It was agreed that further responses to the Parish Council could be received and that a closing date for any such responses would be circulated. As previously noted at the 11 July Parish Council Meeting, the Lockinge Estate will determine – on the basis of these responses and of responses arising from the 7th October Open Meeting – whether there is sufficient community support to proceed with the present plan.</p> <p>The possibility of starting to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan was discussed, the timescale for which was estimated by some present to be 2-3 years. There was general agreement that a Neighbourhood Plan would be beneficial, though there was some doubt whether a new Plan (even if the timescale proved to be shorter) would be in alignment with the Lockinge Estate plans. If the Council now decides to proceed with the preparations for a Neighbourhood Plan, volunteers to support the process would be required.</p>	Action JAH to circulate request for responses by 15 th September
4.	<p>Reports</p> <p>The report from the District Councillor distributed prior to the meeting was discussed. SJ commented that the Thames Water reservoir plans had reverted to 150 Mm3 and that water transfer from the Severn to the Thames is being dropped. SJ confirmed that the VOWHDC, the County Councillor, and local MPs are all against the plans. GARD continues to fight the plans. SJ also commented that the grant scheme for EV chargers open to town and parish councils and community groups will be open for expressions of interest to 15/09/2023</p>	

Chairman's Signature:

Date:

5.	Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th July 2023 The minutes were approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman																						
6.	Update on progress from the previous minutes																						
7.	Finance Resolutions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Statement and reconciliation – circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and acknowledged at the meeting. Banking – Jo Noble and Nicky Hancock agreed to be added as additional NatWest Bankline authorisers. Invoices for payment or payments made: the following payments were approved. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Supplier</th><th>Description</th><th>Amount</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Daniel Kerr</td><td>Street light refurbishment INV AUG000017</td><td>£385</td></tr> <tr> <td>Playsafety Ltd</td><td>Playground inspection Invoice 73313</td><td>£111</td></tr> <tr> <td>SS Painting & Decorating (Simon Scott)</td><td>Purchase and fit new timber slats to climbing frame</td><td>£275</td></tr> <tr> <td>White Horse Horticulture (Jason Woodage)</td><td>Grass cutting May 23</td><td>£480</td></tr> <tr> <td>White Horse Horticulture (Jason Woodage)</td><td>Grass cutting July 23</td><td>£440</td></tr> <tr> <td>White Horse Horticulture (Jason Woodage)</td><td>Grass cutting Aug 23</td><td>£345</td></tr> </tbody> </table> 	Supplier	Description	Amount	Daniel Kerr	Street light refurbishment INV AUG000017	£385	Playsafety Ltd	Playground inspection Invoice 73313	£111	SS Painting & Decorating (Simon Scott)	Purchase and fit new timber slats to climbing frame	£275	White Horse Horticulture (Jason Woodage)	Grass cutting May 23	£480	White Horse Horticulture (Jason Woodage)	Grass cutting July 23	£440	White Horse Horticulture (Jason Woodage)	Grass cutting Aug 23	£345	
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8.	Planning Applications – a summary of recent planning applications for Ardington and Lockinge was circulated prior to the meeting. No new applications were reported. It was noted that the naming of the development at Andersey Farm had been confirmed as Andersey Close.																						
9.	Parish Matters <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Playground and Defibrillators – DM noted that high risk areas had been identified by the RoSPA inspection. With the help of Simon Scott, repairs would be started to replace the affected timbers. JN commented that she would start investigating grant options for a complete refurbishment of the playground. DM confirmed that the defibrillators are all working correctly. Street Lighting – DM noted the receipt of a quotation from Daniel Kerr for additional work on street lights at West Lockinge Farm. It was agreed that it would be necessary to identify if sufficient funds are available in the budget for this additional work. Ardington Noticeboard – quotation previously circulated was discussed. It was agreed to source an alternative quote for comparison. The quotes would then be forwarded to the CBPT. Ardington & Lockinge 20mph speed limit signage – the location of the 20mph signs for the villages was discussed. It was agreed that the location of the signs appears to be acceptable. 	<p>JN – to start search for suitable grant schemes to replace playground</p> <p>JAH to check budget for street light works.</p> <p>Action JN – obtain additional quotation for noticeboard</p>																					
10.	Matters arising from comments by Councillors at this Meeting & AOB A local resident raised the issue of the water supply to neighbouring properties and was advised to discuss with planning at the VOWHDC. The Camp SOUL weekend over the August bank holiday was discussed. It was noted that nothing had been reported over the weekend and the event appeared to have been very well managed. The intermittent power supply issues in the villages were noted which showed no signs of improving. The urgent message from the Lockinge Estate dated 5 th of September regarding the water supply was also noted, affecting both East and West Lockinge.																						

11.	Choice of items for inclusion in Trumpeter and on Facebook The date of the next Parish Council meeting in November.	
12.	Date of next Meeting: The remaining meetings for this year to be held at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms at 8.00p.m. Tuesday 7 November.	